

REMARKS

Upon entry of these amendments, claims 1, 2, 4, 7-14, 16-17, 43, 44, 46, and 48-53 remain pending in this application. Claims 3, 5-6, 15, 18-42, 45, and 47 have been canceled.

The application has been amended to include the "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" section.

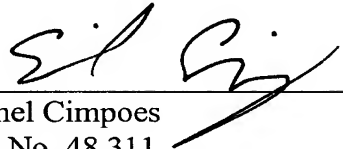
Conclusion

The Applicants submit that the claims are in a condition for allowance and action toward that end is earnestly solicited. If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

It is believed that no fees are due; however, should any additional fees be required (except for payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Jenkins & Gilchrist Deposit Account No. 10-0447, Order No. 47079-00254USPX.

Respectfully submitted,

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